This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Cyclobutane derivatives of the formula I

$$R^{1}$$
- $(A-Z)_{m}$ $CF_{2}O$ $(A-Z)_{n}$ - R^{2} I

in which

R¹, R² are identical or different and each, independently of one another, denote H, halogen (F, Cl, Br or I) or a linear or branched, optionally chiral alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 15 C atoms which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen and in which one or more CH₂ groups may each be replaced, independently of one another, by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-O-, -CH=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CF-, -C≡C- or in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly to one another, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, -SF₅, -SCF₃, -CF₃, -CF=CF₂, -CF₂CF₂CF₃, -OCF₃, -OCHF₂, -CF₂CH₂CF₃ or -OCH₂CF₂CHFCF₃,

- A is identical or different and in each case, independently of one another, denotes
 - a) trans-1,4-cyclohexylene, in which, in addition, one or more non-adjacent CH2 groups may be replaced by -Oand/or -S- and in which, in addition, one or more H atoms may be replaced by F,
 - b) 1,4-phenylene, in which one or two CH groups may be replaced by N and in which, in addition, one or more H atoms may be replaced by halogen (F, Cl, Br or I), -CN, -CH₃, -CHF₂, -CH₂F, -OCH₃, -OCHF₂ or -OCF₃,

- c) a radical from the group bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1,3-diyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane-1,4-diyl, spiro[3.3]heptane-2,6-diyl, naphthalene-2,6-diyl, decahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,6-diyl and piperidine-1,4-diyl, or
- d) 1,4-cyclohexenylene,
- Z is identical or different and in each case, independently of one another, denotes -O-, -CH₂O-, -OCH₂-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CF₂O-, -OCF₂-, -CF₂CF₂-, -CH₂CF₂-, -CF₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CH-, -CF=CF-, -CF=CF-COO-, -O-CO-CF=CF-, -C=C- or a single bond,
- m, n are identical or different and, independently of one another, denote 0, 1 or 2, and
- o denotes 0 or 1.
- 2. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that both o denote 0.
- 3. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that both o denote 1.
- 4. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that they have one of the following formulae:

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O R^2 Iaa

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Iab

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Iac

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Iad

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Iae

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O
 L^4
 L^1
 R^2
 Iaf

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O
 L^4
 L^1
 Iag

$$R^{1}$$
 $CF_{2}O$
 L^{4}
 L^{1}
 R^{2}
 L^{3}
 L^{2}

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^{1} \longrightarrow CF_{2}O \longrightarrow L^{6}L^{4} \longrightarrow L^{1}$$

$$R^{2} Iak$$

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O R^2 Ial

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^{1}$$
 $CF_{2}O$
 $CF_{2}O$

in which L^1 , L^2 , L^3 , L^4 , L^5 and L^6 , are identical or different and, independently of one another, denote H or F.

5. (Original) Compounds according to Claim 3, characterised in that they have one of the following formulae:

$$R^{1}$$
 $CF_{2}O$
 L^{4}
 L^{1}
 R^{2}
 L^{3}
 L^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{2}

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Ibc

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Ibd

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Ibe

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O
 L^4
 L^1
 R^2
 Ibf

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O L^4 L^1 R^2 Ibg

$$\mathsf{R}^{1} - \mathsf{CF_{2}O} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{L}^{4}} \mathsf{R}^{2} \quad \mathsf{Ibh}$$

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^{1}$$
 $CF_{2}O$ $CF_{2}O$ R^{2} $CF_{2}O$ $CF_{2}O$

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^{1}$$
 $CF_{2}O$ CF_{2}

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O
 CF_2O
 CF_2O
 CF_2O
 CF_2O
 CF_2O

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

$$R^1$$
 CF_2O CF_2O

in which L^1 , L^2 , L^3 , L^4 , L^5 and L^6 , are identical or different and, independently of one another, denote H or F.

- 6. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to at least <u>claim1</u> one of the preceding claims, characterised in that R¹ denotes H or a linear alkyl radical having 1 to 10 C atoms.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Compounds according to <u>claim 1</u> at least one of the preceding claims, characterised in that R² denotes H, a linear alkoxy radical having 1 to 10 C atoms, -F, -Cl, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -OCHF₂, -CN, -NCS or -SF₅.
- 8. (Currently Amended) Use of compounds of the formula I according to <u>claim 1</u> at least one of the preceding claims as component(s) of liquid-crystalline media.
- 9. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline medium having at least two liquid-crystalline components, characterised in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to claim 1 at least one of Claims 1 to 7.
- 10. (Original) Liquid-crystal display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.
- 11. (Original) Reflective or transflective liquid-crystal display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.

12.	Electro-optical display element, characterised in that it contains, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9.